



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Idaho are deserving of good health; and

WHEREAS, all available knowledge indicates that human milk optimally enhances the growth, development and well-being of the infant by providing the best possible nutrition, protection against specific infection and allergies, and the promotion of maternal and infant bonding; and

WHEREAS, breastfeeding promotes healthier mothers and benefits society through lower health care costs for infants, a healthier workforce, stronger family bonds and less waste; and

WHEREAS, breastfeeding is economical, providing its benefits at little or no cost; and

WHEREAS, breastfeeding is recognized by several organizations, such as the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the American Academy of Family Physicians, the American Dietetic Association, and the National Association of WIC Directors as the preferred method of infant feeding and they support breastfeeding throughout the early years of life; and

WHEREAS, the families of the state of Idaho need reliable sources of information to make an informed choice about the care and feeding of their infants;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim August 2004, to be

BREASTFEEDING AWARENESS MONTH

in Idaho.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this twenty-sixth day of July in the year of our Lord two-thousand and four and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-ninth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred fifteenth.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Dirk Kempthorne", is written over a horizontal line.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ben Iukosa", is written over a horizontal line.

BEN IUKOSA
SECRETARY OF STATE